GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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HIV CASES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item captioned `La-ilaz Rog Ka Failta Udyog` appearing in Jansatta dated December 19, 1999;

(b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)

(SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Based on Nation-wide sentinel surveillance data, conducted during the year 1998-99, the estimated number of HIV infections in the country are 3.5 million.

(c) For the prevention and control of HIV/AIDS, Government of India is implementing a comprehensive National AIDS Control Programme with the following components:

1. Reduction in the spread of HIV in groups at highest risk like Commercial Sex Workers, Intravenous Drug Users etc. by identifying target populations and providing peer counselling, condom promotion, and treatment of sexually transmitted infections.

2. Preventive interventions for the general population through: (a) IEC and awareness campaigns: (b) providing voluntary counselling and testing services: (c) blood safety and rationale use: and (d) management of occupational exposure amongst health care workers.

3. Low cost care for people living with HIV/AIDS through home and community based care and management of opportunistic infections.

4. Institutional strengthening for technical, managerial and financial sustainability at National, State and Municipal levels.

5. Promoting Inter-sectoral collaboration amongst public, private and voluntary sectors.